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Completion Fluids

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REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312

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Applicant gratefully acknowledges the notice of allowance in this case and requests entry of the attached amendment after notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 for the following reasons:

- a) The amendments are needed because they correct an error in the claims. Specifically, claims 211, 220, 221, 223, 224, 229, 230, and 231 refer to "said alkylaryl sulfonic acid" (emphasis added); however, no antecedent basis exists for the limitation. The claims are amended to delete the word "said," and to refer simply to "alkylaryl sulfonic acid."
- b) The amendments do not change the scope of the claims, and do not require additional search or examination;
- c) The claims are patentable for the same reasons underlying the notice of allowance;